The eight most important scholars of Tolowa American Indian culture

(In order of importance)

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Tom Parsons was not the first person to preserve our Tolowa Tribe culture, language, and religion, but he is the man who spearheaded the modernization of our Tolowa Tribe culture, language, and religion preservation efforts (as well as other Tribes in California), so I have added photographs to Tom Parson's memorial (Find A Grave, Memorial# 159497303), so you can find his materials related to our Tolowa Tribe (Most importantly, two videos. First is, "Eminent Indian Language Teachers - How California Credentials Them," and second, "Indian Mainstream.")

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1) Mr. Tom Parsons (1967 to 1988). Humboldt State University.
2) Dr. Joe E. Pierce collection (1962 to 1964). Oregon State University.
3) Dr. Charlotte Heth (1976 and 1977). University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA).
4) Mr. Loren Bommelyn (1983 and 1989), "The Tolowa Language." NOTE BELOW
5) Dr. Richard Keeling collection (1979). University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA).
6) Ms. Jane Orstan Bright (1962). California Language Archive at University of California - Berkeley.
7) Ms. Mary Woodward (1953). California Language Archive at University of California - Berkeley.
8) Dr. Harry Hoijer (1956). California Language Archive at University of California - Berkeley.

There are hundreds of other scholars, but these are the most important.

NOTE: Referring to the book, "The Tolowa Language" (both the 1st Edition from 1983 and the 2nd Edition from 1989), our family's Tolowa genealogy has incorrect information regarding our earliest female and male Tolowa ancestors. Also, compare the lyrics to our songs and prayers in the two editions of the book to the lyrics sang by Loren Bommelyn at the 1976 and 1977 seminars hosted by Dr. Charlotte Heth, and notice the words to some of the songs and prayers are different from "The Tolowa Language," and also changed between the first two editions of the book (1st Edition from 1983 and 2nd Edition from 1989).

Notice, also, how dramatic the telling of the Yontockett Massacre has become in the 2nd Edition from 1989. I have left research to show how the Yontockett Massacre has grown and grown in numbers over the decades, so hopefully you come to realize it was based on a small event, but has grown into a mythical massacre now described as the second largest massacre of Indians by the Whites. Don't believe it, ignore the race hustlers that promote this mythical massacre to keep us in a constant state of hate, and thank the ancestors for sending the White man and the Christian religion to abolish the Tolowa American Indian practice of slavery (Chay) (Naw) (Tray).